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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Expedited First Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: As a result of this expedited sunset review, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on stainless steel sheet and strip (SSSS) from the People's Republic of China (China) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies at the levels indicated in the "Final Results of Sunset Review" section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable [Insert date of publication in the Federal Register].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 3, 2017, Commerce published the CVD order on SSSS from China.¹ On March 1, 2022, Commerce published the notice of initiation of the first sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).² Commerce received a timely notice of intent to participate from Cleveland-Cliffs Inc., North American Stainless, and Outokumpu Stainless USA LLC (domestic interested parties) within the deadline specified in 19

¹ See Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order, 82 FR 16166 (April 3, 2017) (Order).

² See Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews, 87 FR 11416 (March 1, 2022).

CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i).³ The domestic interested parties claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act, as domestic producers engaged in the production of SSSS in the United States.

Commerce received a substantive response from the domestic interested parties⁴ within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i). We received no substantive response from any other interested parties in this proceeding. As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), we determined that the respondent interested parties did not provide an adequate response to the notice of initiation and, therefore, Commerce conducted an expedited (120-day) sunset review of the *Order*.

Scope of the *Order*

The products covered by the *Order* are stainless sheet and strip, whether in coils or straight lengths. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁵

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in this sunset review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is included as the appendix to this notice. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via the Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at https://access.trade.gov. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision

³ See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, "Five-Year ("Sunset") Review of the Countervailing Duty Order on Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from China – Domestic Interested Parties' Notice of Intent to Participate," dated March 15, 2022.

⁴ See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, "Five-Year ("Sunset") Review of the Countervailing Duty Order on Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from China – Domestic Interested Parties' Substantive Response to Notice of Initiation," dated March 30, 2022.

⁵ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order on Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

Memorandum can be accessed directly at

https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx.

Final Results of Sunset Review

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(1) and 752(b) of the Act, we determine that revocation of the CVD order on SSSS from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies at the following rates:

| Company | Subsidy Rate (percent) |
|--|------------------------|
| Shanxi Taigang Stainless Steel Co. Ltd | 75.60 |
| Ningbo Baoxin Stainless Steel Co., Ltd. | |
| Baosteel Stainless Steel Co Ltd. | 190.71 |
| Baoshan Iron & Steel Co, Ltd. | |
| Baosteel Desheng Stainless Steel Co., Ltd. | |
| Baosteel Co., Ltd. | |
| Bayi Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. | |
| Ningbo Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. | |
| Shaoguan Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. | |
| Guangdong Shaoguan Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. | |
| Zhanjiang Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. | |
| Daming International Import Export Co Ltd. | |
| Tianjin Taigang Daming Metal Product Co., Ltd. | |
| All Others | 75.60 |

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing the final results and this notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(b), and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2).

Dated: June 29, 2022.

Ryan Majerus, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope of the Order
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- VI. Discussion of the Issues
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 - 2. Net Countervailable Subsidy Rates Likely to Prevail
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